

# Training Announcement

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

## National Conservation Training Center



### OUT8158 – TRAINING TOOLS AND LEARNING GUIDELINES FOR NON-FORMAL EDUCATORS

July 8-10, 2002 \* NCTC \* Shepherdstown, West Virginia

**About the course:** This training is designed to help non-formal educators strengthen their ability to connect with classroom teachers. During the 2½ days of engaged learning, participants gain cutting-edge information about formal education terminology and practices, pedagogy, learning standards, student assessment, and current environmental education resources. Participants are introduced to the *Excellence in Environmental Education - Guidelines for Learning (K-12)* and learn how to use the *Guidelines* as a tool to develop and evaluate quality environmental education materials and programs. Sessions model ways that participants can present materials so that non-formal educators can sharpen and enhance teacher development initiatives. The agenda is guided by a needs assessment which is sent in advance to all participants. **College Credit:** 1 semester hour.

**Length:** 2 ½ days/20 hours. The course will begin at 8:30am on July 8 and end at noon on July 10.

**Objectives:** Upon mastery of the course content, participants will be able to:

- Bridge the gap between non-formal and formal educators;
- Describe the learning framework used in the Learning Guidelines;
- Gain knowledge about national and state academic standards and compare them to the Learning Guidelines;
- Correlate the Learning Guidelines to curriculum materials;
- Get an overview of pedagogy and why it's important;
- Obtain information about alternative assessment and how teachers use it;
- Increase credibility with teachers; and

- Gain information that will strengthen teacher training workshops.

**Who should attend:** Educators, resource managers, outdoor recreation planners, community outreach specialists, naturalists/interpreters, trainers, extension agents, and others interested in improving the effectiveness of his or her teacher training efforts.

#### Costs for Lodging and Meals:

FWS:	No charge
NPS and BLM:	\$84/day
All Others:	\$115/day

**All participants are responsible for travel costs.**

*Scholarships are available for non-federal participants. For further information contact:*

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**How to apply:** Complete the application on the back of this announcement or in the NCTC catalog, obtain your supervisor's approval, and fax it to the Registrar at (304) 876-7202. **Course registration deadline is May 13, 2002.** Call for availability after the deadline.

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